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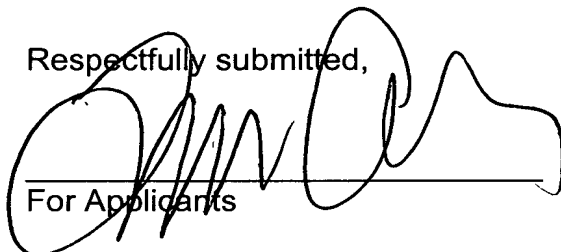
This preliminary amendment is being filed in an effort to present an application in proper U.S. format and to present claims in proper U.S. claim idiom for examination.

The newly entered claims are fully supported in the original claims filed in the international application on 12 November 2003, as well as in the claims of the German priority application.

In addition, corrections have been made in Figs. 1 and 2.

An early action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

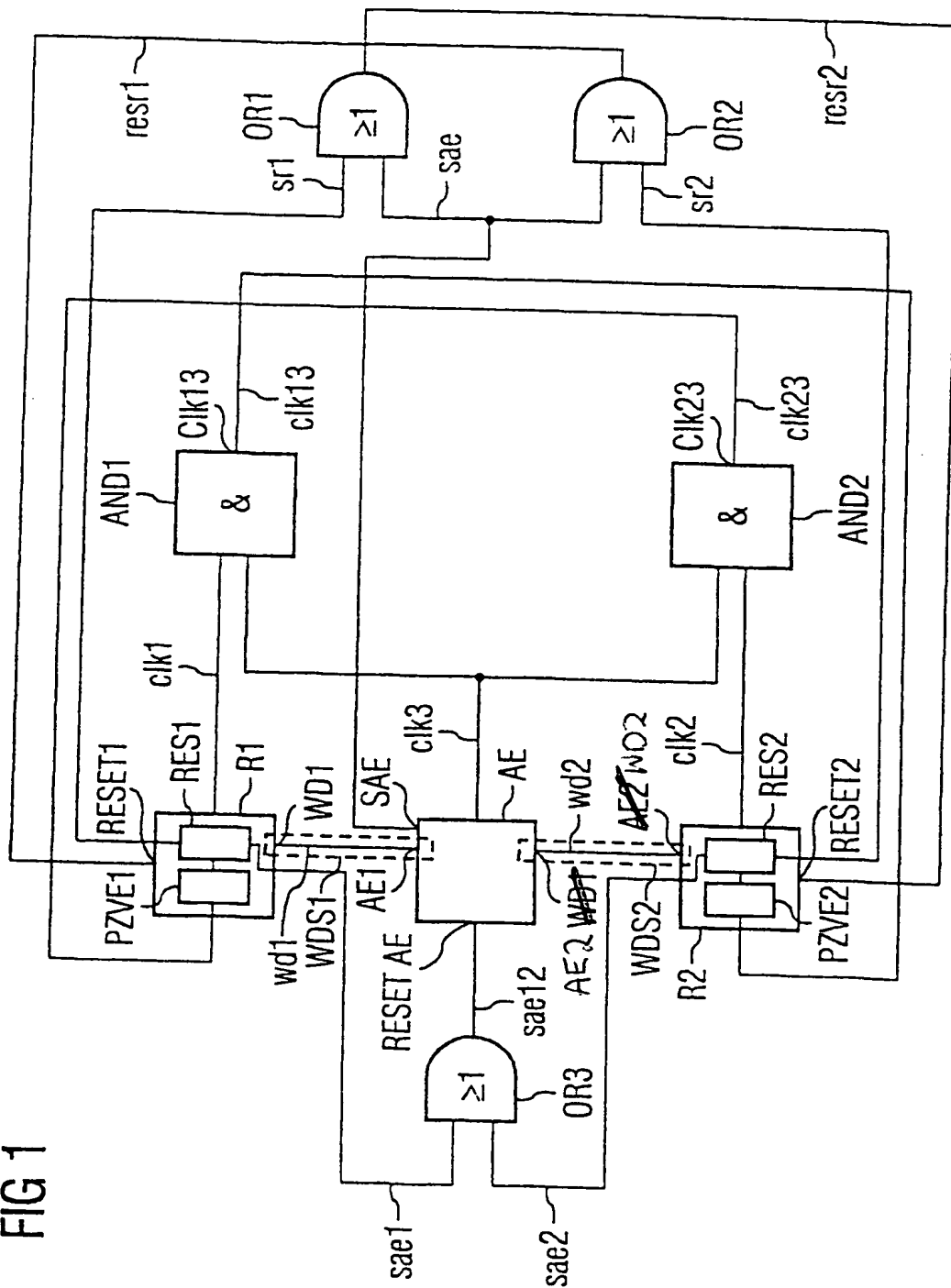
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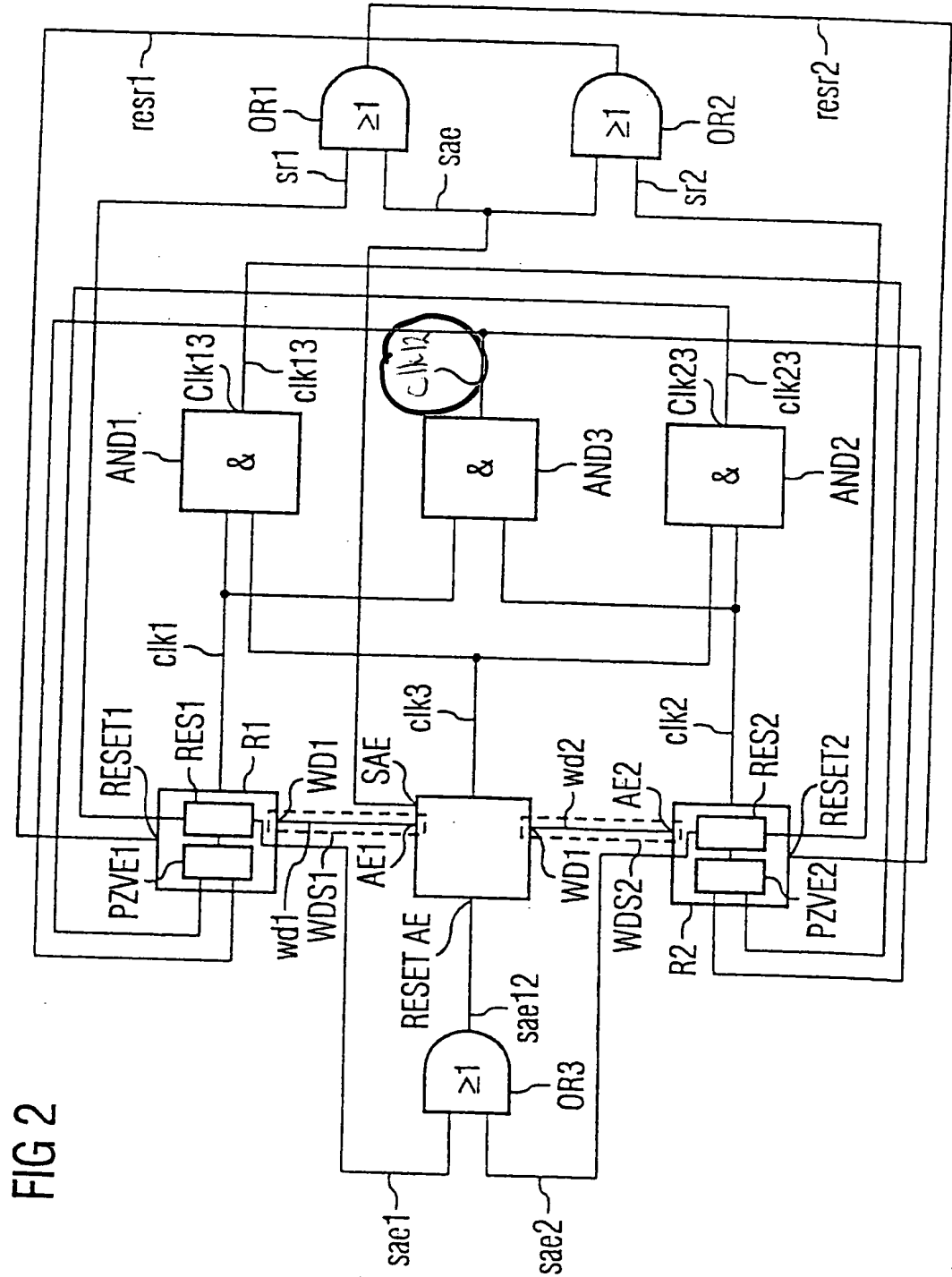


FIG 2